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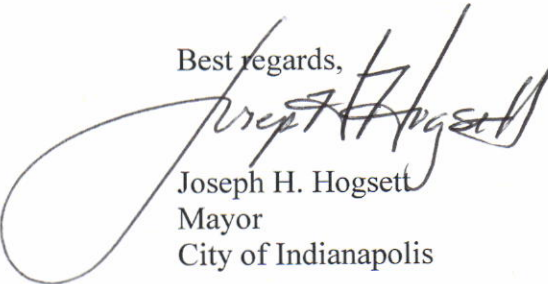
Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Indianapolis, I would like to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Dr. John A. Smith, Pastor of Great News Church, as he celebrates a remarkable 50 years in ministry.

The churches around this city are at the center of faith and spirituality that support our community. I commend Pastor Smith for his work to inspire our citizens, improve our neighborhoods, and reach out to those in need. He has given of his time and talent to many groups, including the Ministers' Alliance, the Indianapolis branch of the NAACP, and the United Negro College Fund. Establishing a training and development center and hosting the annual Emancipation Proclamation service are just two examples of the many ways he has touched our City. I thank Pastor Smith for many years of dedicated service to the community and the members Great News Church.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Best regards,



Joseph H. Hogsett
Mayor
City of Indianapolis